

## DOE WAP

DOE WAP provides eligible households with services designed to improve the energy efficiency of their home, thereby reducing energy usage/costs, while safeguarding the health and safety of the household. Households are also educated on basic energy efficiency practices, and instructed on the proper use and maintenance of the measures installed. Typical weatherization measures may include: weather-stripping, insulation, caulking, water heater blankets, refrigerator replacement, electric water heater repair/replacement, heating and cooling system repair/replacement, compact fluorescent lamps, and thermostats.

## LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM

In response to the national problem of childhood lead poisoning from lead-based paint, the federal government has made grants available to States and local governments to evaluate cost-effective approaches to the problem in low-income privately owned housing.

Units that are pre-1978 and occupied by a child under the age of six are targeted for lead hazard control, and units that are occupied by an elevated blood level child are also eligible.

CSD contracts with five community-based and local government organizations to provide services in seven targeted counties.

## NATURALIZATION

The Naturalization Services Program is a State funded program that assists legal permanent residents in obtaining citizenship. Services include outreach, intake and assessment, citizenship application assistance, citizenship testing and interview preparation, and coordination with and referral to other naturalization organizations.

## REDUCED RATE PROGRAM

CSD provides customer eligibility verification and program certification for Reduced Rate Programs (RRP) that are offered by utility companies. RRP's provide a 20% - 35% monthly discount on utility costs to eligible low-income customers.

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## Department Overview



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## OVERVIEW

The Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) is the State-level partner with a statewide network of local community services providers (both public and private, nonprofit organizations) dedicated to assisting low-income Californians in achieving self-sufficiency.

CSD administers California's share of the following federal programs:

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Community Food and Nutrition Program (CFNP)
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program

CSD also administers a State funded Naturalization Services Program (NSP) and provides in-house, low-income eligibility verification services for several California public and private utilities that offer low-income rate discounts.

## CSBG

CSBG is designed to provide a range of services to assist low-income families and individuals in attaining the skills, knowledge, and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. The program also provides low-income people with immediate life necessities such as food, shelter, and health care needs, etc. In addition, services are provided to local communities for the revitalization of low-income communities, the reduction of poverty and to help provider agencies to build capacity and develop linkages. Services provided with CSBG must contribute to the achievement of one or more of the following six goals:

- Low-income families and individuals become more self-sufficient;
- The conditions in which low-income families and individuals live are improved;
- Low-income families and individuals own a stake in their community;
- Partnerships among supporters and providers of services to low-income families and individuals are achieved;
- Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results;
- Low-income families and individuals achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive systems.

## CFNP

CFNP funds are used to: (1) coordinate existing private and public food assistance resources; (2) assist low-income communities to identify potential sponsors of child nutrition programs and initiate new programs in underserved or unserved areas; and (3) develop innovative approaches at the State and local level to meet the nutrition needs of low-income people.

## LIHEAP

LIHEAP provides assistance to eligible low-income households to meet their immediate home heating and/or cooling needs. This is accomplished through the following program components:

- Home Energy Assistance Program provides financial assistance to eligible households to offset the costs of heating and/or cooling residential dwellings.
- Energy Crisis Intervention Program provides payments for supply shortage and weather-related or energy-related emergencies.
- Weatherization Program provides free weatherization services to reduce heating and cooling costs and improve the energy efficiency of homes, including attic insulation, weather-stripping, minor housing repairs, and related energy conservation measures.